Child and Family Program (CFP)

The **Child and Family Program** helps to promote and maintain the health and well-being of Foreign Service children and adolescents with special educational and mental health needs throughout the world. The CFP staff does this through consultations, referrals, supportive services, emergency evacuations, medical clearances, and the Special Needs Educational Allowance.

The **Child and Family Program** is comprised of a multidisciplinary team of child psychiatrists, child psychologists and clinical social workers who specialize in work with children and adolescents. The CFP is located organizationally within the Mental Health Program of the Office of Medical Services and is under the Deputy Director of Mental Health.

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The Child and Family Program (CFP) will support employees, their children, their teens, and their families when mental health and special educational needs require attention.

Function of CFP

The Child and Family Program works with parents to assure that their children's mental health and special educational needs are identified, appropriately assessed, and effectively managed abroad.

The staff of the **Child and Family Program** assists parents to arrange evaluations for their children's learning and developmental problems including speech, motor coordination, learning disabilities, attention deficit disorder, and emotional problems. Comprehensive evaluations can include psychological, educational, speech/language, occupational therapy and psychiatric assessments.

The Special Needs Educational Allowance

The **Child and Family Program** is the point of contact for the Special Needs Education Allowance (SNEA) which supports special educational services abroad for those children and adolescents who have learning disabilities or who require educational modifications and accommodations to facilitate academic achievement.

Clearances

The staff of the **Child and Family Program** review reports and materials submitted by parents and providers to identify postings which have resources for children and adolescents with mental health and educational needs. The program staff members work closely with parents to assist them to plan for their child or teen's well-being as they prepare to live abroad.

Consultations

The staff members of the **Child and Family Program** are available for consultations with parents and medical providers abroad to assist with evaluating child-related and family problems and offering solutions. These consultations may take the form of e-mail exchanges, telephone conversations, in-person meetings, and Digital-Video Conferencing, or DVC.

Making Contact

Use the information on the back of this pamphlet to make contact with the **Child and Family Program**. Contact may also be arranged through the Health Unit at Post by talking with the Foreign Service Health Practitioner (FSHP), the Regional Medical Officer (RMO), or the Regional Medical Officer-Psychiatrist (RMO/P).